Cleaning of Betwa river

†431. SHRI RAGHAVJI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount sanctioned by the Central Government for cleaning of Betwa river in Madhya Pradesh under National River Action Plan;

(b) the amount out of the sanctioned amount sent to Madhya Pradesh and by when this scheme was scheduled to be completed; and

(c) by when the remaining amount would be sent, the extent of work completed under the said Scheme so far; giving the reasons for the delay, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) The Central Government has sanctioned an amount of Rs. 101.19 crore for National River Conservation Plan in Madhya Pradesh out of which Rs. 8.64 crore is for pollution abatement schemes of Betwa river.

(b) and (c) Out of the total amount of Rs. 12.76 crore released so far to the Government of Madhya Pradesh under the National River Conservation Plan, a sum of Rs. 2.65 crore has been spent on the pollution abatement schemes of river Betwa. Out of 19 schemes of pollution abatement, 14 schemes have been santioned. The remaining 5 schemes are yet to be submitted by the State Government as per the approved guidelines of Government. Of the sanctioned 14 schemes, 2 schemes have been completed so far. Completion of sanctioned schemes has been delayed due to slow progress of works by the implementing agencies. The National River Conservation Plan in Madhya Pradesh is targeted to be completed by 2001. The remaining amount of funds would be released to the State Government according to the progress of implementation of works.

Ultimatum to Polluting Units in Delhi

432. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Supreme Court had given an ultimatum to polluting units in Delhi to take measures to treat their effluents or face closure;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whehter the ultimatum has expired; if so, how many units in the Capital have been closed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI) (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Hon'ble Supreme Court vide its order dated 13.9.99, in the matter of W.P. (C) No. 725/94 has directed

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.